

**Always Does Good**

Thousands Take It in the Spring.

"I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla when needed for a number of years," writes James Hey, 3070 Amber St., Philadelphia, Pa., "and have always found that it does me good. I always take it in the spring with the best results. I have that tired feeling in the morning, and cannot eat, but after taking two or three bottles of this medicine always feel like a different person, and advise every one needing a tonic to give it a fair trial." Get it to-day in usual liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsatabs.

**TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES FOR YOUNG STUDENTS**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fredericksburg, Va., May 30.—Seven of the young women who have been attending the State Normal School here the past session will receive teachers' certificates at the commencement, June 10. They are Misses Jeanette Marie Hess, Clothilde Duggins, May Staley Hamilton, Ruth Cleveland Hopkins, Nettie Montgomery, Amelia Curtis and Lucy G. Gouldman.

Oil for laying dust is being applied to a number of streets of Fredericksburg. It was put on in spots last year and found satisfactory. The entire east side of Washington Avenue has been oiled, as well as a number of blocks in different parts of the city.

A suit has been entered in the Circuit Court of Caroline county by L. V. Lumpkin against William Fell for damages in the sum of \$250. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant, through negligence in operating an automobile, caused certain injuries to the plaintiff.

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles F. Mason, of the United States Army, son of the late W. Roy Mason, of this city, with his family, are here visiting their relatives, Mrs. John E. Mason and family. Colonel Mason has charge of the Ancon Hospital, in Panama, and is on a leave of absence.

**SPEECHES ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE.**

Mrs. Valentine and Miss Johnston addressed Harrisonburg audience. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Harrisonburg, Va., May 30.—Tonight in Assembly Hall Mrs. B. B. Valentine, of Richmond, president of the Equal Suffrage League, and Miss Mary Johnston, the principal authors, addressed the public on the subject of woman suffrage.

This morning at Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Rockingham county, Senator Claude A. Swanson delivered the annual commencement address to the graduating class. This college is the leading institution of the Church of the Brethren, or Dunkards, in Virginia.

**FINAL SESSION OF COUNCIL HELD**

Episcopal Meeting Adjourns After Three Days in Petersburg.

**FINANCES ARE DISCUSSED**

Figures Show Diocese to Be Dependent on General Board of Missions.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 5 Bollingbrook Street, Phone 1455, Petersburg, Va., May 30.

The Episcopal Council met in the third and final day's session at 10:30 o'clock, and after approving the minutes of yesterday proceeded to business.

The Rev. D. W. Howard addressed the council on the subject, "The Apportionment for General Missions and the Necessity of Collecting the Same." The assessment for general missions against the Diocese of Southern Virginia is \$14,500 a year.

Dr. Howard, in speaking on the subject, said that the diocese gets more from the General Board of Missions than it gives to the board. This is due to the work in the diocese among the colored people. This makes the diocese apparently dependent on the board, which should not be the case, and which would not be if apportionment among the parishes and churches were promptly and fully paid.

The subject was brought up by Dr. Howard gave rise to an interesting discussion, in which the Rev. Joseph Dunn, of Lynchburg; Rev. J. M. Owens, D. D., of Norfolk; the Rev. G. F. Rogers and others took part.

Mr. Rogers offered a resolution providing that the standard for apportionment be on the double basis of communicants and current expenses, or so much thereof as is raised within the parish.

The resolution was adopted after a discussion continuing over two hours.

John W. Carter offered a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, commending the work of the church extension committee and the splendid work of the Rev. G. Otis Mead, the financial secretary, and requesting all rectors to aid the financial secretary in every possible way.

**Late Chancellor Old.** The special committee appointed to draft resolutions on the death of the late W. W. Old, chancellor of the diocese, reported resolutions of tribute, respect and regret, which the council

adopted by rising vote, followed by prayer offered by Bishop Randolph.

**Appointment of Archdeacon.** Dr. Bryan from the committee appointed to consider the appointment of an archdeacon to be put in charge of the vacant parishes and other work, reported resolutions providing that the bishop be asked to appoint a man for this work, that his salary be not exceeding \$1,800 and traveling expenses, that the salary be paid by the treasurer of the diocesan missionary committee; that the three convocations in the diocese be requested to become responsible for the salary and expenses in proper ratio.

The resolutions were adopted. The new appointment will make three archdeacons in the diocese—the other two being Richard H. Tunstall, of Norfolk, and the Rev. Jas. S. Russell, of Lawrenceville, the latter in charge of the colored work.

**Finance Report.** The report of the finance committee was read by Chancellor R. B. Tunstall. It shows that the receipts by the treasurer for the fiscal year were \$2,473.23. The disbursements were \$2,524.24, leaving the diocese in debt to the treasurer. The assessment for diocesan expenses was \$8,700; collected \$7,524.

**Other Reports.** Reports on the state of the church and on clerical support were submitted and adopted.

**Summary of Parochial Statistics.** Number of clergy, 33; number of families, 2,268; number of baptized persons, 21,122; number of baptisms, adults, 393; number of baptisms, infants, 634; total number of baptisms, 1,027; number confirmed, 524; number of marriages, 280; number of burials, 519; number of communicants added, 1,305; number of communicants lost, by death or otherwise, 938; number of colored communicants, included in above, 1,653; number of lay readers, 50; number of Sunday school teachers, 577; number of Sunday school scholars, 10,993.

**Receipts.** Amount communion aims, \$ 5,003 68  
Amount from all other sources, 235,736 49  
Amount other receipts during year, 31,762 69

Amount of total receipts, 372,502 86

**Disbursements.** Parochial current expenses, 110,319 81  
Other parochial expenses, 116,848 16

Total expenses, 227,167 97

**Diocesan Contributions.** Total diocesan contributions, 24,812 33  
Contributions for general purposes, 15,613 06

Total disbursements, 247,593 36

**Value of Church Property.** Value of insurable property, \$1,522,305 00  
Value of land, 322,252 00

Total value of property, \$1,844,557 00  
Amount of fire insurance, 642,875 00  
Amount of debt, 202,223 00

**Afternoon Session.** The council before concluding the morning session voted to accept the invitation from Lexington to meet in that city next year.

The Rev. A. C. Thomson offered a resolution providing that the amount of expenses necessary to meet the diocesan missionary work be apportioned among the various parishes and churches of the diocese, which was adopted.

**A Social Service Commission.** The Rev. Mr. Gibson offered resolutions providing: That the bishop appoint a commission of nine members, of whom five shall be clergymen and four laymen, to be known as "The Social Service Commission of the Diocese of Southern Virginia," the duties of the commission being as follows:

1. By study and investigation with clergy and laity in the diocese, to discover what are the conditions upon which the united influence of people might be helpfully brought to bear, and to determine, in reference to these conditions, how the church may best exercise a constructive social leadership.

2. In co-operation with the parish authorities to stimulate interest in social service in the several parishes and to suggest places for local regulation and work.

3. To co-operate upon unanimous vote of the commissions with such forces as may be working for social betterment within the territory of the diocese.

4. To formulate a report upon the findings, the work and the recommendations of the commission for submission to the council of 1913 as a basis for further legislation.

**Leading to Politics.** The resolutions were opposed by Rev. Cleveland Hall and Judge L. R. Watts as tending to lead to politics in the church, to which both strenuously objected. Mr. Gibson declared that they had no connection with politics or with the usual questions. There were many other social evils to correct.

The council almost unanimously voted to lay the resolutions on the table.

**New Parishes.** Dr. Bryan, from the committee on new parishes, reported that St. Andrew's Church, Norfolk, has been admitted to the diocese as a separate and independent parish, and the consolidation of St. James, Southern and Quito parishes in Powhatan county, and Littleton parish, Cumberland county, into one parish.

The report was adopted.

**Diocesan School.** George Mason offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee of five, who shall devise and report to this council at its next meeting a plan for the establishment within the diocese of a school for boys, either by the council as a diocesan school, or by private enterprise under the auspices of the diocese, to be in either case distinctively an Episcopal Church institution.

The resolution was adopted, and the bishop appointed the committee as follows: Rev. J. W. C. Johnson, Rev. E. V. Davidson, George Meade, Jacob Heffelfinger and C. W. Grandy.

**Beautiful and Impressive Exhortation.** The concluding portion of Bishop Randolph's address to the council yesterday was in the nature of an exhortation to the clergy and laity. It was so earnest and so impressive those to whom it was especially addressed, that the council promptly ordered its publication, as a leaflet for distribution.

It was as follows: "How rapidly these years go by, and in the retrospect appear, like one side, so inadequate, on the other, so blessed in privilege and in duty."

"May I say a word in closing to the clergy and the laity, my fellow-workers in the kingdom of God?"

"My brethren of the clergy, you and I are preachers and pastors. Preaching is Christ's ordinance, and as His, transcends in import all other work that men are called to do. We must think over our sermons. We must

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